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LETTER DATED 16 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHILE ADDRESSED TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE ON THE RESUMPTION OF FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS

Attached is the text of the official statement made by the Government of Chile on the resumption of French nuclear tests, which I request you to circulate as an official CD document.

(Signed) JORGE BERGUÑO
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Permanent Representative of Chile
to the Conference on Disarmament

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Annex

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE

(Original: Spanish)

The Government of Chile expresses its rejection of the decision by France, announced yesterday by President Jacques Chirac, to resume nuclear tests for a limited period in the Mururoa atoll (South Pacific). This action is a serious threat to the conduct of the negotiations on the comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty, an aspiration which is of the highest priority for our country, and a serious challenge to disarmament initiatives in general.

The Government of Chile, reiterating a constant principle of its foreign policy, appeals urgently to the Government of France to reconsider this decision in the interests of the protection of human life and the environment, as well as respect for the commitment of the international community in the areas of disarmament and world security.

Santiago, 14 June 1995